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MAYOR BALLARD ANNOUNCES 2012 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS LUNCHEON WILL BE MARCH 27
Applications for Third Annual Awards Due February 3

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis' third annual Sustainability Awards luncheon will take place in March – so now is the time for Indianapolis businesses, not-for-profits, schools and other organizations to submit applications for the 2012 Sustainability Awards. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, for projects completed in Marion County between Jan. 1, 2011, and Dec. 31, 2011, in the categories of water, land, air, energy and reduce, reuse, recycle. The 2012 Sustainability Awards application may be downloaded at www.sustainindy.com/awards.

"One of my top priorities is to create one of the most sustainable, livable cities in the Midwest," Mayor Greg Ballard said. "The Sustainability Awards provides a unique way to honor those Indianapolis organizations that have made the commitment, not only to better their operations, but to improve our city."

In the past two years the City has received more than 100 applications for the Sustainability Awards. Even more are anticipated to participate this year in the awards program sponsored by Citizens Energy Group, HNTB Corporation, United Water, and Performance Services.

The awards, presented by the Office of Sustainability, McKinney Green Initiatives Fund and the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, are designed to inspire innovation, showcase impact, reward leadership and promote education around the principles of sustainability.

The 2012 Indianapolis Sustainability Awards will be presented by Mayor Ballard at a March 27 luncheon held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Local green living expert Sara Snow returns to emcee this year's event. For the application, tickets and sponsorship information, visit www.sustainindy.org/awards.

To learn about how Mayor Ballard is creating a more sustainable Indianapolis, visit www.sustainindy.org.

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